UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

-against-

ORDER

LATIQUE JOHNSON, et al.,

16 Cr. 281 (PGG)

Defendants.

PAUL G. GARDEPHE, U.S.D.J.:

This Order is entered, pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5(f), to remind the Government of its disclosure obligations under <u>Brady v. Maryland</u>, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), and its progeny, and to summarize the potential consequences of violating those obligations.

The Government must disclose to the defense all information "favorable to an accused" that is "material either to guilt or to punishment" and that is known to the Government.

Id. at 87. This obligation applies regardless of whether the information would itself constitute admissible evidence. The Government shall disclose such information to the defense promptly after its existence becomes known to the Government so that the defense may make effective use of the information in the preparation of its case.

As part of its disclosure obligations, the Government must disclose any information that can be used to impeach the trial testimony of a Government witness within the meaning of <u>Giglio v. United States</u>, 405 U.S. 150 (1972), and its progeny. Such information must be disclosed sufficiently in advance of trial in order for the defendant to make effective use of it at trial or at such other time as the Court may order.

The Government's disclosure obligations are continuing in nature and apply to

materials that become known to the Government in the future. If information is subject to

disclosure pursuant to this Order, it must be disclosed regardless of whether the Government

credits the information.

In the event that the Government believes that compliance with this Order would

compromise witness safety, victim rights, national security, a sensitive law enforcement

technique, or any other substantial government interest, it may apply for a modification of this

Order.

For purposes of this Order, the "Government" includes all current or former

federal, state, and local prosecutors, and other law enforcement officers, who have participated in

the instant prosecution of, or in the investigation that led to the instant prosecution of, the

defendant. The Government has an affirmative obligation to seek from such sources all

information subject to disclosure under this Order.

If the Government fails to comply with this Order – in addition to ordering

production of the information – the Court may:

(1) specify the terms and conditions of such production;

(2) grant a continuance;

(3) impose evidentiary sanctions;

(4) impose sanctions on any responsible lawyer for the Government;

(5) dismiss charges before trial or vacate a conviction after trial or a guilty plea; or

(6) enter any other order that is just under the circumstances.

Dated:

New York, New York October 29, 2020

SO ORDERED.

Paul G. Gardephe

United States District Judge

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